

## Message Text

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ACTION EA-14

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AID-20 OC-06 CCO-00 CIAE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00 RSC-01

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R 100833Z MAY 74

FM AMCONSUL CHIANG MAI

TO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

13TH ADVONDC

1974TH COMM GROUP

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 174

KO KHA AIR STATION

COMUSMACTHAI

COMMANDER 7TH RRFS RAMASUN STATION IATTINT

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASAF, TH, US

SUBJECT: APPARENT SABOTAGE OF MILITARY TELEPHONE SYSTEM

REF: CHIANG MAI 204

1. LOCAL CHIANG MAI DAILY, DAILY NEWS, CARRIED  
SOMEWHAT CONFUSED STORY MAY 10 HEADLINED "FARANG  
AMERICAN SHOUTED AND REPORTED TO THE THAI POLICE TO  
ARREST THE THIEF WHO STOLE THE CABLE". INFORMAL  
TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

2. "ON THE 8TH OF THIS MONTH AT 1400 HOURS, CAPT.  
HOWARD H. BENTON, 33 YEARS, INVESTIGATION OFFICIAL OF  
THE UNITED STATES, REPORTED TO POL. LT. WEERA ANANTAWAN,  
DUTY OFFICER OF THE CHIANG MAI POLICE STATION THAT ON THE  
7TH OF THIS MONTH HE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY THE U.S.  
CONSULATE IN CHIANG MAI THAT THE TELEPHONE CONNECTING  
THE CONSULATE AND THE INVESTIGATION (SIC) UNIT AT  
WICHAYANONTH ROAD WAS OUT OF ORDER.

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CAPT. BENTON FIRST UNDERSTOOD THAT THE TELEPHONE

WAS BROKEN. AFTER TAKING A LOOK, IT TURNED OUT THAT  
THE TELEPHONE WAS NOT BROKEN, BUT THE TELEPHONE CABLE  
BEHIND WAT CHAI SRIPHOUM WAS CUT OFF FOR ABOUT 35 FEET.

CAPT. BENTON THEN REPORTED TO THE POLICE FOR FURTHER  
INVESTIGATION AND TO IDENTIFY THE THIEF." END

3. COMMENT: SO FAR, THIS IS THE ONLY PRESS COVERAGE  
AND IT HAS TREATED MATTER AS A THEFT, NOT RPT NOT A  
POLITICAL EVENT.  
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